



## 2022 PROCLAMATION Juneteenth

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth commemorates the traditional observance of the end of slavery in the United States and is observed annually on June 19;

**WHEREAS**, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment, which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed more than two years in reaching African-Americans in the South and the Southwestern United States; when on June 19, 1865, Union Major General Granger announced in Galveston, Texas that slavery had been abolished; and

**WHEREAS**, the following year, the first official Juneteenth celebration took place in Texas and have continued across the United States throughout the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Emancipation Day observations are held on different days in different states and other parts of the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, June 19 has a special meaning to African-Americans, and is called "JUNETEENTH" combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated by the African-American community for over 150 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual Juneteenth celebration in the City of Madison Heights will take place at Civic City Park on June 18, 2022 and temporarily rename the Civic Center park as Emancipation Park for the day; as

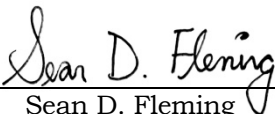
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and City Council hereby declare June 19, as **JUNETEENTH** in the City of Madison Heights, and urge all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African-American History and in the heritage of our nation and City.



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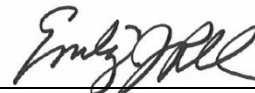
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